

MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS



CHECKLIST FOR BAR OR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT PATRONS

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all bar or similar establishment patrons in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they could spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if they are 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the concealed nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including the most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate or address every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for bar or similar establishment patrons:

- In a bar or similar establishment, minimizing in-person contact is difficult, and wearing face coverings or masks is not feasible while at a table. For this reason, tables at bars or similar establishments should not exceed 6 individuals.
 - When individuals go to a bar or similar establishment, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hand frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.
- Self-screen before going into the establishment for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a reception and after any interaction with employees, contractors, other attendees, or items in the bar or similar establishment.
- No tables of more than 6 people.
- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid being within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.**

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- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth when not at the table, or when within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of the individual's household. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.
- Because of the social interaction that occurs at bars or similar establishments, strict adherence to these protocols is important. A person infected with COVID-19 may not know it, and may pass it to someone else unwittingly.
- Carry hand sanitizer, and use it regularly while at the bar or similar establishment, especially after contact with individuals outside the household.